

Church News.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD OF VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, AND WEST VIRGINIA.

The year closed with very little having been accomplished. The Board paid \$2.50 for hall rent in Waynesboro, Pa., where brother J. C. Mackey held services until the point was self-sustaining. Beyond this nothing was done. The retiring treasurer, brother J. C. Bentz of Hagerstown, Md., turned over to his successor a balance of \$16. The Board, this year, determined to try the plan so often suggested by various brethren viz: Employ no evangelist but try to get a fund in the treasury that we could always have a financial certainty in our work. The plan has failed most signally, and the very peculiar part of the failure is that those brethren who were most clamorous for this plan failed to contribute. We may mark the year '94-'95 as "Nothing attempted, nothing done."

At the St. James Convention on June 1, Dr. V. M. Reichard was elected to succeed himself serving for three years, and brother H. A. Poffenberger to succeed brother J. C. Bentz, also for a three year's term.

The Board was reorganized by the election of the following: President, Dr. V. M. Reichard; secretary, T. J. Fahrney; treasurer, H. A. Poffenberger. It may be anticipating somewhat, but right here I will state the arrangement which was made at St. James Convention. Brother John S. Bowman, of Port Republic, Va., was engaged as official evangelist for the district, to be paid one dollar per day, and expenses for the time he is in actual service. He is expected to push his collections at all points where he is holding service, so as to meet incidental and travelling expenses, if possible. His salary is to be raised by a per capita apportionment among the churches, the pastors to have charge of the collecting and forwarding of this money. The Board has agreed to ask of the various pastors that they raise an amount equal to fifty cents for each member. *Remember pastors, fifty cents from each member!*

Brother Bowman will be ready for work by Sept. 1, if the work is ready for him, and all we want is to be able to assure him of his salary when the work is done. The Board cannot do this unless the members give us a hearty financial support. We have tried the experiment of having the work done and no money to pay for it, and have found that a failure. This appeal is especially to the pastors. The work is yours brethren, and we ask you in the name of our common cause to go

right to work. Push these collections, and let us have something tangible, as a basis of calculation. Send all funds much or little to H. A. Poffenberger, Hagerstown, Md. Yours very truly,
V. M. REICHARD,
Pres. of Mission Board.

FROM MARION, IND.

As there has been no report from this place for some time, I thought it well to write and inform the Brethren as to what we are doing. You will remember that this is the place that the Mission Board of Indiana selected to spend some of the money paid by the State Missionary societies for the salvation of souls, and the upbuilding of the Brethren church. By the help of God and the love of Christ, and much hard labor, we have succeeded in establishing here a class of Gospel-alone worshipers, that the church at large as well as the Mission Board will be proud of. But when I consider that we have such men as H. S. Sprinkle, Penrod, and Huffman, men of judgment and ability to conduct the affairs of the mission work of our state, I am not surprised at its success. We have so far been instrumental in placing on the church records eighty-six names, of which the greater part have been baptized, and are thoroughly indoctrinated and are now ready to defend the doctrine of the Bible with all their power. We have also succeeded in introducing our own literature in our Sabbath-school, and a goodly number of them read the EVANGELIST. So you see we are getting a good foot-hold in the Queen city of Indiana, and by the grace of God we expect to hold it against all opposition. We have been from the beginning of this plant worshiping in a hall on the corner of 18th and Pearl street, but soon after our meeting last winter, we began to talk church house. I have always held that no congregation can flourish and become strong without a church house of its own. So in April we circulated subscription papers for the building of a new church house. Brethren, sisters, Sabbath school scholars and all took hold of the work with energy and the result has been that one of the finest brick edifices now in the brother-hood graces the before vacant lot on the corner of 22nd and George street. This house will be ready for dedication by the first Sunday in August, at which time our editor has promised me that he would be with us and officiate in the dedicatory services. Now I hope and trust and pray that many of the brethren and sisters from abroad will attend and be present at our dedication, and encourage us in this good work. I will write later on and tell the good people how to reach this place.

J. M. RITTGERS.

REPORT FROM LA PAZ, IND.

Since our last report, we have enjoyed many spiritual feasts. At Brother Millers' last regular appointment at the Gearhart school-house, we celebrated the Lord's Supper and Communion. Oh, it was good to be there. Thirty or more surrounded the table. Brethren and sisters from South Bend, and Tyner, were present. The membership at this place is small but plucky. If we but lovingly trust in the Lord Jesus, though but one, yet will he care and protect and fill the soul with much joy. We are not alone, for God is with us. But where there is a larger number, how much good they can do; how much joy they can share. Let us glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are his. Oh, that all humanity were alive in Christ Jesus. The rite of baptism was administered to seven of the applicants at our last winter's meeting. Held confirmation services in the evening.

Our membership consists mostly of young people, some are quite young, but nearly all active workers for the Master. Our Sabbath-school is of the best. The new church is now plastered and the painters are to begin to-day. The Sisters Society took upon themselves the work of cleaning the grounds after the carpenters were done. It was quite a task, but as we were working for Jesus, it became a pleasant one. The brethren, too, have been earnestly laboring to complete the work, some having worked every week day for nearly a month.

MRS. S. C. HOSTETLER.

SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

We had a splendid communion at our mission point in Maryland last night. We have twenty-four members there, and although it rained very hard nearly all were present. Three were detained because of sickness, one did not know of it. Nineteen communed. One made application from the G. B's, and also a lady sent word she wanted to be baptized. We hope to receive both very soon. We have rented the Reformed church for a year, and hope to be able to do some good work in the near future. We are also trying to arrange to hold a camp-meeting in the near future at our mission point in New Jersey. I expect to preach at Hatfield, Pa., next Saturday night. It is quite probable that we will open up a mission point there. It is the most convenient and possibly the best point of the three. Oh yes, we baptized an able Baptist minister here in the city, and he baptized his first candidate the same day he was baptized. Will have more to say about him very soon.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.